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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ETRD, IZ

SUBJECT: IRAQI TARIFFS ON US AUTOMOBILES

REFS: (A) BAGHDAD 1631; (B) STATE 52526

1. ALTHOUGH IRAQI REASONING GIVEN REF A REMAINS UNCON-  
VINCING, WE CONCUR YOUR RECOMMENDATION PER PARA 5.

2. NOTE TO GOI SHOULD INDICATE THAT USG CONSIDERS THE  
TARIFF DUTIES APPLIED TO AUTOMOBILES MANUFACTURED IN THE  
US TO BE DISCRIMINATORY, AND THEREFORE IN VIOLATION OF  
THE US-IRAQ COMMERCE AND NAVIGATION TREATY OF DECEMBER 3,  
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1938 AND NOT IN KEEPING WITH THE SPIRIT OF IRAQ'S PARTI-

CIPATION IN THE MTN. NOTE SHOULD REQUEST GOI TO ELIMINATE  
THE DISCRIMINATORY ELEMENT OF THOSE DUTIES.

3. FOR YOUR BACKGROUND: WE BELIEVE DUTIES MAY VARY  
LEGITIMATELY ACCORDING TO VALUE OR OTHER REASONABLE AND  
NEUTRAL CRITERIA THAT WOULD ACCOMPLISH IRAQI PURPOSE OF  
REDUCING LUXURY IMPORTS, BUT SINGLING OUT US AUTOS (AND  
MERCEDES) MERELY ON BASIS OF POPULARITY IS DISCRIMINA-  
TORY AND LESS EFFICIENT FOR SAID PURPOSE. ROBINSON

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